Invitation sent to the White House this afternoon

Washington D.C.- Congressman Steve King (R-IA) announces that he and four House colleagues have extended a second invitation to President Barack Obama to visit flood ravaged communities along the Missouri River. President Obama declined a similar invitation extended to him by these Members of Congress on June 24th.

"I encourage the President to accept my latest invitation to visit western lowa in order to view the impact of Missouri River flooding for himself," said King. "FEMA recently denied the state's request for Individual Assistance, and I believe this decision was incorrectly made because the agency does not have a full understanding of the extent of the damage being done to lowa's homeowners, renters and businesses. If the President were to come to western lowa to view the extensive flood damage for himself, I believe that he would return to Washington in a better position to oversee FEMA's response."

A letter extending an invitation to the President was sent to the White House this afternoon. The letter notes that President Obama will be traveling throughout several Midwestern states Aug. 15-17, and it requests that the President make time in his schedule to visit the communities along the Missouri River that have been hardest-hit by the flooding. Joining Congressman King on the letter are Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO), Rep. Lynn Jenkins (R-KS), Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE), and Rep. Lee Terry (R-NE).

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